(b) whether Government have received complaints in this regard from employees of the Lebanese Embassy; and

(c) whether Government have brought to the notice of Embassies recently the Model Contract regulations as suggested in 1975 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

Complaints have been received from Indian employees of some Embassies.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Model Contract circulated to foreign missions in 1975 has now been revised in consultation with all concerned authorities and the revised version is being brought to the notice of foreign missions.

Suspension of Junior Staff in N. R.

627. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some junior workers were suspended by the E.F.O. (Power), Northern Railway, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi during the last two years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these workers were re-instated as the charges framed by the E.F.O. (Power) against them proved to be wrong; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the E.F.O. (Power) for suspending the workers without any enquiry and whether the pay and allowances of the workers for the period of suspension have been paid; if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Bills Misplaced by the EFOs in Northern Railways

628. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of bills submitted by small contractors have been misplaced by the E.F.Os. (Power), Northern Railway, Rail Bhawan and E.F.O. (Power), Central Hospital, Northern Railways during the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the total number of bills misplaced by the officers of EFOs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no procedure is followed for recording of bills in the Bills/Diary Registers; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against these officers for not recording the bills in the Bills and Diary Registers and the number of bills lying unpaid in these officers as on 31st October, 1988 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Only one bill under the jurisdiction of SEFO (Power) Central Hospital, has been misplaced.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise. Two bills are lying unpaid on account of unsatisfactory repair work carried out by one contractor.

Narrow Bridges on National Highways

629. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Statewise figure of total number of narrow bridges on National Highways; and

(b) by when all these bridges are likely to be widened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a)

Statewise figures of total number of weak and/or narrow bridges on National Highways in the country are given in the statement attached. (*See* below).

(b) Development of National Highways including widening of bridges thereon is a continuing process and depends upon intensity of traffic, availability of resources and *inter-se* priorities.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of weak and/or narrow bridges
1	Andhra Pradesh	25
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6
3	Assam	89
4	Bihar	263
5	Chandigarh	—
6	Delhi	1
7	Goa	9
8	Gujarat	23
9	Haryana	77
10	Himachal Pradesh	39
11	Jammu & Kashmir	2
12	Karnataka	30
13	Kerala	25
14	Madhya Pradesh	58
15	Maharashtra	46
16	Manipur	2
17	Meghalaya	34
18	Mizoram	—
19	Nagaland	—
20	Orissa	58
21	Punjab	133
22	Rajasthan	12
23	Sikkim	—
24	Tamil Nadu	44
25	Tripura	—
26	Uttar Pradesh	220
27	West Bengal	62
28	Pondicherry	1